

TENTH YEAR.

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FAILED TO WED HER

Congressman Breckenridge in a Breach of Promise Suit.

MISS POLLARD WANTS \$50,000

She Alleges He Promised to Marry Her Recently and Has Withheld to Prove It—Most Sensational.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—Madeline V. Pollard, of this city, today filed in the district supreme court a brief in a breach of promise suit to be brought by her against Congressman William C. P. Breckenridge, the silver-tongued orator from Kentucky. She wants \$50,000 damages.

The plaintiff alleges that when she was 17 years old and a student at the Wesleyan female seminary in Cincinnati she met Breckenridge on a train, where he made her acquaintance by claiming to know her family. He subsequently called at the seminary and there, according to her story, by wily artifices began to take advantage of her youth and inexperience to gain her affection. She avers that he got her completely under his control and accomplished her ruin. This was in August, 1884. By constant protestations, she alleges, he kept her under his control until July, 1892. During that time she became the mother of two children. All this time the defendant was a married man. His wife died in July, 1892. Plaintiff claims that he early promised to marry her after his wife died. She was affianced to a young man, but he died. She was afforded an opportunity to travel abroad and asked him (the defendant) to consent to take advantage of it and was willing to wait two years before marrying, but she says she was refused to let her leave and induced her to continue to maintain the same relations. In March, 1893, she became a mother a third time. Mr. Breckenridge promised, she claims, to marry her and at various times and in the presence of others acknowledged her to be his affianced wife. The marriage was to take place as soon as property permitted after the death of his wife. In view of her condition she alleges that he promised to marry her secretly on May 31, 1893, said promise being made in the presence of a witness. Owing to her condition at that date, however, the marriage was postponed till the following December.

The document concludes as follows: In spite of the agreement the defendant on July 12, 1893, in disregard and violation of his said promise, and knowing the plaintiff was married and willing to marry him according to the mutual promises and agreements subsisting between them, did wrongfully and injuriously marry another person, to wit, Mrs. Louis Wing, then a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, contrary to the promise and to the plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$50,000.

The suit promises, it is said, to be most sensational.

Mr. Breckenridge is 56 years old.

Colonel Breckenridge Talks.
Colonel Breckenridge showed the papers to his wife as they were entering the elevator and neither appeared disturbed. A few minutes later Colonel Breckenridge saw a United Press reporter in his room.

He betrayed no signs of nervousness and was as coolly in his demeanor as ever. In response to a request for a statement in reply to the charges made by Miss Pollard, Colonel Breckenridge said:

"I have been in the city only a few minutes and have not had time to examine the papers in this case. I can only say at this time, before I have had a chance to know the extent of the allegations made, that I hope my friends will believe that these charges are the result of vindictiveness, vexation, and perhaps of intention to blackmail, and I ask that they suspend judgment until a full hearing shall have shown all that is in them. I do not care to give anything further until I have had an opportunity to consult with attorneys and thoroughly examine the allegations."

FOUR WERE DROWNED

Sailboat Struck by a Gaze of Wind and Capsized.

McHENRY, Ill., Aug. 12.—News has just reached this place of a distressing accident, which occurred this morning at Chicago Lake, about ten miles distant, by which four persons lost their lives and three narrowly escaped death. Those drowned are: Carrie Hammond, Waukegan; Grace McDonald, Free Press and — Rome, Chicago.

Those rescued are: Elmer Gidding, Waukegan; Lulu McDonald, Chicago; — Rome, Chicago. When about 300 yards from the landing a panic among the occupants was caused by a gust of wind striking the sail and the boat was being made. The boat captured a fierce gale and succeeded in reaching the upturned boat with Miss McDonald and the two with Fred Rome were rescued by boats from the shore. The other four members of the party drowned before assistance could reach them. The bodies were recovered.

BODY IN THE RUINS

Editor Gottsmack Arrested for Firing His Printing Office.

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—On Wednesday night a Polish printing office in the eastern part of the city was burned. After the fire was extinguished the remains of a man were found in the ruins. These have been supposed to be of a play and a mysterious explosion that occurred before the fire caused the police to make an investigation. Tonight Editor Gottsmack, who owned the establishment, was arrested on a charge of arson.

FATHER NOT RESPONSIBLE

St. Louis, Aug. 12.—The coroner's jury sitting on the case of Willie Fann, who died from the wounds inflicted by his father last Tuesday, found that the father was deranged at the time he committed the deed and could not be held responsible.

FIVE HUNDRED ABANDONED

CHICAGO, Aug. 12.—Five in the name, some \$500,000, are being sought by the police. Forty-four states and United States army officers property valued at over three hun-

IT WAS SILVER DAY

Debate in the House on Repeal of Sherman Act.

ISSUE WAS SQUARELY MET

Representatives Wheeler, Morse, Harter and Hendricks for Repeal. California Member Talks.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 12.—When the house convened this morning at 11 o'clock there was not more than a hundred members in attendance, and the audience in the galleries was small. Interest in the silver debate seems already to be on the decline, action and not discussion being generally desired. On motion of Mr. Richardson (democrat, Tenn.) a resolution was adopted for the printing of 20,000 copies of the president's message.

The silver debate was then resumed. Mr. Wheeler (democrat, Ala.) being anti-fitted to the floor. He continued his speech of yesterday against repeal. The moment the Sherman act was repealed, he said, that moment there would be a line or a word in the law of our country recognizing the coinage of silver and there never would be during our lives or the lives of our children.

Mr. Wheeler was followed by Mr. Morse (republican, Massachusetts.) He was heartily in favor of repealing the purchasing clause of the Sherman act, but the remainder of that act, declaring a parity between the two metals, was the statesmanship and should stand. So much of the currency met with his approval. So much of the message was good republican doctrine. But while he agreed with the president on this proposition he could not believe that the chief magistrate that the present appalling business situation was due entirely to the purchasing clause of the silver bill. It was more largely and principally due to the threatened tariff legislation which had unsettled values and paralyzed business, and there could be no relief until the democratic policy in regard to the tariff declined.

Harter for Repeal.
Mr. Harter (democrat) of Ohio, who was one of the leading anti-silver men in the fifty-second congress, took the floor in advocacy of the Wilson bill. He disclaimed any idea of partisanship in this question.

Reviewing the history of the Sherman law, he said that while that law was not a good law, under the circumstances Senator Sherman instead of being abused ought to have the grateful thanks of the whole nation because of the best that could be obtained for the country out of a bad situation, which had been brought on by the republican platform and the election of a republican president. With Mr. Cleveland in the presidential chair free coinage of silver was not a question of life and death, but a question of the signature to the death warrant of the speaker of this house.

He then proceeded to mark out his plan of procedure. He would have the congress in its extraordinary session repeal the purchasing clause of the present law, and then he would introduce legislation to the full extent of their bonds and direct the secretary of the treasury to provide for the issue of gold bonds.

Repeat the Act and Go Home.

On the conclusion of Mr. Harter's speech Mr. Hendricks (democrat, New York) was recognized. He said that he had been called a gold bug, but he assured his friends that the only piece of gold that he possessed was a 65 coin and that he had obtained that from the sergeant-at-arms a few days ago. He had grown up with the people of the west and he knew them and loved them. But he came to this congress by way of the east and he represented an eastern constituency; and he wished to say to this body of gentlemen that the opportunity had never before been equalled in the history of the land.

Let congress repeal the Sherman silver law, adjourn and go home and let the people do the rest. (Applause.) It was not to the gold bugs of Wall street that he asked the members to listen, nor to the men, women and children who had their savings locked up in savings banks. He asked them to listen to the workmen thrown out of employment; he asked them to listen to the voice of fear that our country was entering on a period black with sorrow and black with war.

Referring to the proposed amendments to the Wilson bill, Mr. Hendricks declared that there was no man named to the substitute bill that would not make the United States laughing stock in every other nation of the world. In this hour of dire distress, when good men were throwing up their hands in despair and going down in the waves of disaster, when the most solid banks that had stood up against the winter storms and summer heat of finance had gone down and their presidents and stockholders had in extreme mortification, asking their own lives, when humiliation had come on honorable business men; when all the United States in its knees, praying to congress: "For God's sake, repeal the Sherman law and let us alone." The silver man came here and asked for the free coinage of silver, and he asked for 16 to 20. What mockery. What idiocy in finance. What a shame in a free country. The country was looking to congress for relief. Let members here, as representatives close to the people, do their duty, and do their duty faithfully, and if there was at the other end of the capital any vested interest represented that would stand in the pathway of progress and of the relief of the people, let the pitiless pelting of the public opinion rain there, and no other. Let representatives discharge their duty and let go home feeling that they had done what the country expected of them. (Applause.)

Wanted Free Coinage.

Mr. Bowers (republican, California) spoke for the free coinage of silver and in doing so, cast a slur upon political platforms, declaring that no party platform amounted to anything, nor was it intended to mean anything. The free coinage of silver would bring the wave of the present depression. Many of the banks of the United States which were today with their doors closed would be glad to receive the dollar of our decision. This action would make the own money for its own people, and if England

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Strained Relations Between Parliamentary Parties—Unlikely and Moderate Tories Combine.

LONDON, Aug. 12.—The determination of the Parnellites to vote for the third reading of the home rule bill has removed all possibility of a hitch in the last stages. Mr. Gladstone calculates that the bill will leave the house of commons on Friday fortnight. His decision to hold an autumn session in order to deal with promised popular measures has caused the liveliest satisfaction in the country, though the majority of the members of the house are not overjoyed at the prospect of a shortened holiday.